Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government place copies of the report on the Members' Table ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The report can be placed on the Table.

Transmission of resolutions passed at public meetings to His Highness.

37. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any rule or law that resolutions passed at public meetings held in the State cannot be sent to His Highness through the Diwan; and if so, whether it will be placed on the Table;

(b) whether the Diwan refused to forward to His Highnees the resolution passed at the 'All-Kerala States' Conference';

(c) whether the Diwan was requested to state the rule or provision of law under which he refused to forward the resolutions to His Highness; and if so,

(d) whether any such rule or provision of law was cited by him in support of his action;

(e) whether the resolutions passed at the above conference and submitted to the Government be printed and placed on the Table;

(f) what action has been taken by the Government with reference to each of these resolutions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a), (b), (c) and (d). Vide answer to question No. 183 of the 1104 Vrischigam meeting of the Council.

(e) Yes. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(f) Recorded.

Irrigation facilities in Alur Village.

38. Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) whether the Government or the Chief Engineer has not received a petition from Mr. Thanikkal Thoma Matthapan and others dated 19th Medam 1104 about granting irrigation facilities in Alur village; and if so what is the subject matter of the petition;

(b) what action has been taken with reference to this petition;

(c) whether the request cannot be granted soon;

(d) whether any other petition has been received regarding the same matter by the Government or Chief Engineer; and if so,

(e) when and from or through whom was it received?

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APPENDIX I.

(*Vide answer to question No. 57.*)

Letter from Mr. K. T. Mathew B. A. B. L., Secretary, All-India States Subjects' Conference, Teppakulam Post, Trichy, dated 14th May 1928, addressed to His Highness the Maharaja through the Sarvadhikariakar.

I beg leave to submit for the favourable consideration of Your Highness the following resolutions passed at the Kerala State Conference held at Ernakulam under the Presidentship of Mr. R. K. Shanmugam Chetty, M. L. A., on the 17th and 18th April :—

1. This Conference requests the British Government and the Governments of Travancore and Cochin to introduce soon full responsible Government in the most progressive States of Travancore and Cochin and make them ideal model States for British India and other Indian States.

2. This Conference requests the Governments of Travancore and Cochin to take definite and immediate steps for introducing prohibition in these States.

3. This Conference is of opinion that the existing enactments constituting the Legislative Councils of the two States should immediately be amended so as to provide for the election of non-official Presidents for both the Councils and granting universal adult franchise, irrespective of sex.

4. This Conference records its emphatic opinion that the Military Departments of Travancore and Cochin States should immediately be thrown open to all people of the States, irrespective of caste or creed.

5. This Conference is of opinion that all roads, wells, tanks, choultries, schools and public institutions under Government management or control should be thrown open to all castes and creeds ;

and requests the Rulers of Travancore and Cochin States to abolish by means of Proclamation the debasing customs of untouchability and unapproachability which wound the self-respect of a very large section of the people of the two States.

6. This Conference is of opinion that in future at least the representatives of the people of Travancore and Cochin States should in all important matters relating to the Cochin Harbour be consulted with a view to give effect to their wishes and that full information of the activities of the Harbour authorities should be published for the information of the public.

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